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HUMAN SERVICES  
TITLE 6. COMMUNITY SERVICES  
SUBTITLE 4. TRANSITIONAL SERVICES  
**PART III. SHELTER, NUTRITION, AND SERVICE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS  
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

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§ 6-417. Definitions

- (a) In general. -- In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) Continuum of Care. -- "Continuum of Care" means a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.
- (c) Council. -- "Council" means the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

**HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 88A, § 132(a), (b)(1), (2); 2007, ch. 3, § 2; 2014, ch. 341.

§ 6-418. Interagency Council on Homelessness established.

There is an Interagency Council on Homelessness.

**HISTORY:** 2007, ch. 3, § 2; 2014, ch. 341.

§ 6-419. Council -- Membership; removal.

- (a) In general. -- The Council consists of the following members:
- (1) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (2) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

- (5) the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (7) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (8) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;
- (9) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (10) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;
- (11) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee; and
- (12) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
  - (i) one representative of the Governor's Office for Children;
  - (ii) three representatives of local Continuums of Care;
  - (iii) six representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy with a focus on housing, employment, and access to healthcare; and
  - (iv) one community representative who has personally experienced homelessness.

(b) Term. -- The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

**HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 88A, § 134; 2007, ch. 3, § 2; 2014, ch. 341.

§ 6-420. Council -- Chair.

(a) In general. -- From among its members, the Council shall elect a chair.

(b) Subsequent chair requirements. -- After the election of the first chair, a candidate for chair must be a member of the Council who attended at least a majority of the Council's meetings during the year immediately preceding the election.

(c) Term. -- The term of the chair is 2 years.

(d) Consecutive terms prohibited. -- The chair may not serve consecutive terms.

**HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 88A, § 135(a), (b), (f); 2007, ch. 3, § 2; 2014, ch. 341.

§ 6-421. Council -- Quorum; meetings; compensation.

- (a) Quorum. -- A majority of the members then serving on the Council is a quorum.
- (b) Times and places. -- The Council shall determine the times and places of its meetings.
- (c) Compensation; reimbursement for expenses. -- A member of the Council:
  - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but
  - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

**HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 88A, § 135(c)-(e); 2007, ch. 3, § 2; 2014, ch. 341.

§ 6-422. Staff.

The Department shall provide staff for the Council.

§ 6-423. Duties of Council.

The Council shall:

- (1) coordinate State policy and working relationships among State, local, and nonprofit agencies concerning efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness;
- (2) coordinate data sharing between local Continuums of Care;
- (3) coordinate outreach to each Continuum of Care to develop joint strategies that impact State and federal funding efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness;
- (4) determine comprehensive and effective collaborative strategies and best practices for remediation and prevention of homelessness in the State, in particular addressing the differing needs of the State's geographic areas;
- (5) review and analyze the need for and availability of affordable and accessible housing resources to address the needs of homeless individuals throughout the State;
- (6) recommend changes necessary to alleviate or prevent homelessness, including making recommendations annually to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and appropriate State agencies and organizations regarding effective policies, effective distribution of resources, and access to available services and programs;
- (7) identify supportive services for special populations, including veterans, youth, families, and individuals with behavioral health problems;

(8) disseminate information and educate the public about the prevalence and causes of and responses to homelessness; and

(9) solicit input from the advocacy community, the business community, the faith community, and consumers regarding policy and program development.

**HISTORY:** 2014, ch. 341.

§ 6-424. Regulations.

The Department shall adopt regulations to govern the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and programs to make homelessness rare and, if it occurs, of brief duration.

**HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 88A, §§ 133(d)(1), 137(a)(1); 2007, ch. 3, § 2; 2014, ch. 341.

§§ 6-425, 6-426. Duties of Advisory Board; Duties of Department

Repealed by Acts 2014, ch. 341, § 1, effective July 1, 2014.

§ 6-427. Regulations

Redesignated.

§§ 6-428, 6-429.

Reserved.